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~~Q. Were Stansfield Turner, director of the CIA, and William Webster, director of the FBI, ever roommates at Oxford? — Gene Mitchell, St. Louis, Mo.~~

~~A. No, they were classmates at Amherst College in Massachusetts 1941-1942; after which Turner transferred to the U.S. Naval Academy, where he became a classmate of Jimmy Carter.~~

Q. I'd like to know if Julia Child, the TV cooking personality, was ever an American spy. Also, her age and background? — Nora Horn, El Paso, Tex.

A. Julia Child—born Julia McWilliams in Pasadena, Cal., on Aug. 15, 1912—was graduated from Smith College in 1934 as a history major. In World War II she joined the OSS (Office of Strategic Services), wanting very much to become a spy. Instead the OSS turned her into a file clerk, transferred her to Ceylon and China. In Ceylon she met OSS mapmaker Paul Child. They were married in 1946. Child joined the foreign service, in 1948 was assigned to the U.S. Information Agency in Paris as an exhibits officer. Mrs. Child enrolled in the Cordon Bleu, the famous cooking school in Paris, and later joined Le Cercle des Gourmets. She subsequently co-authored "Mastering the Art of French Cooking," settled in Cambridge, Mass., then appeared on the educational TV station WGBH in Boston. She became an overnight success with her TV cooking school.